



Tanworth-in-Arden C of E Primary School & Nursery

In God's family, learning, loving, growing to be our very best

11th April 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week in school, a week mixed with happiness and joy but also sadness as we said farewell to three members of staff. On Wednesday we said good-bye to Reception teacher Amy Blatchly. Amy has been at Tanworth for 5 years and has been instrumental in the improvements made to our Reception environment and curriculum. Under Amy's guidance we know that the children of Tanworth have had the best start to their learning journeys and for that we say a huge thank you. Amy is now going to work in the charity sector and spend more time with her own two young sons. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her all the best for the future.

We also said a fond farewell to Jane Mantle, Jane has been at Tanworth for 24 years after joining the school in September 2000. Jane has supported many children with their academic learning, pastoral support and also with medical and injury needs. Jane will be sadly missed by staff and children but we wish her well as she now enjoys her retirement with her husband John. Jane has already been in touch saying "Thank all the Tanworth in Arden parents and children for my wonderful retirement day and beautiful gifts and well wishes. Thank you so much." Mrs Mantle.

Finally today we said 'good bye' Jo Hewitt. Jo has also been at Tanworth for 5 years after coming here as a supply teacher. We were so pleased when Jo agreed to take on a permanent role at Tanworth and felt very lucky that Jo chose Tanworth. Jo has worked alongside Amy making up our great Reception team and also leading Art across the school. It is Jo's passion for Art that has been shared amongst staff and children and this can be clearly seen across the school displays and in the sketch books. Once again I am sure you will all join with me as we wish Jo all the best for the future as she now leaves Tanworth to spend time making memories with her young family.

Amongst all the good byes there has still been much learning taking place. On Thursday Year 6 had their WW2 Day. The children came into school dressed up in period costumes there were evacuees, air force commanders, land army and more!

On Thursday, Year 6 went back in time to the 1940s to enjoy a WW2 workshop and the children dressed up as soldiers, land girls and evacuees to get them in the spirit! In the morning, they completed a scavenger hunt, learning about and looking at genuine artefacts from WW2 including a baby's gas mask and a frequency meter for transmitting secret messages! Later on, the children learnt how much work it took to put out a fire using the equipment issued to civilians by the government and tried their hand at first aid as an ARP warden, learning to use stretchers and tie bandages. We definitely have some budding doctors and nurses amongst us! It was a fantastic day and the children's behaviour was exemplary! Well done, Year 6! Miss Cutler.



Miss Evens has asked for a special mention to go in the newsletter this week:

A special mention to Eve (Year 1) who had designed and created her own puppet show to share as a treat with her class. She was so confident acting out the story with her amazing bird puppets and of course the amazing wise old owl. The Year 1 children really enjoyed themselves and we were all amazed at the beautiful puppet show Eve had created! Miss Evens.



Sending you all Easter blessings,

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HOME LEARNING GALLERY

On Monday and Tuesday this week we opened our Home Learning Gallery. This is where all of the Home Learning that is brought in is displayed in the hall for others to see and what a display it was! I was amazed by the amount of Home Learning brought in and also the many different ways of presenting learning from home. What I particular enjoyed though, was the learning that had been completed as a collaboration between either parents, grandparents or siblings. Home Learning is not always about children sat working independently, although there is a time for that, but it can be an opportunity for families to work together spending time either researching, creating, cooking, going out on adventures to museums or places of interest or just sat talking about the subjects the children are learning about at school. So a huge THANK YOU for supporting your children to develop a real love of learning.

Each class has chosen one child for their Home Learning to receive an Amazon voucher.

Year 1: Well done to **Eren** in Year 1 who has made a fantastic African Savannah scene showing many different physical features of the landscape complete with model animals. He also made an accompanying fact file describing all the different animals on his model. It was lovely to see that he had used his creative skills alongside his geography and writing skills. Well Done Eren!

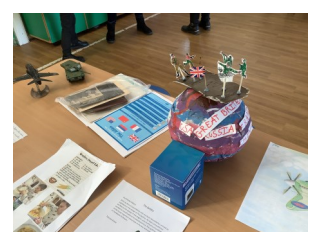
Year 2: I have chosen **Olivia** for our home learning certificate for displaying a popular Caribbean recipe in a creative way. Olivia was able to explain all the different ingredients and was super confident in answering questions about her home learning from her peers. Well done, Olivia!

Year 3: **Florence** has been chosen for her outstanding effort with her multiple home learning projects. She always gives her best in everything she does, and her home learning is no exception. Florence has explored a wide range of topics linked to our theme— including currency, landmarks, and more—and has used the opportunity to further develop her writing skills by creating detailed fact files and diary entries. Such an impressive amount of effort and enthusiasm from just one child—well done, Florence!

Year 4: **Isla** has created a life-sized Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus out of cardboard and she has decorated it so intricately! I can tell that lots of time and effort has gone into it so well done, Isla!

Year 5: It was really hard to choose this time as so many children had made lots of effort and made some wonderful things. However, **Jenson's** beautifully presented posters are amazing and jammed packed full of facts and information. He has spent a lot of time and effort on them and they really do need to be celebrated. Excellent effort Jenson. Well done.

Year 6: **Edward** created an amazing paper mache model depicting the World Powers, showing which countries belonged to the Axis powers and which countries belonged to the Allies. It is lovely to see him combine his art and history skills and present his learning so creatively! Well done, Edward!



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PRAYER BEAR

The Prayer and Worship Leaders are excited to announce the arrival of Barley, our Prayer Bear.

After Easter, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have the chance to spend time with Barley, who has joined the Tanworth family and to share in our life of prayer.

Barley is looking for host families over the weekends. He loves to meet new people and sharing in adventures. He just asks that before he returns to school that you share a prayer with him and put it into his prayer diary. There will be ideas and guidance to help with this.

He'll then come back to school on the Monday morning, ready to take another trip with new friends on the Friday afternoon.

Teachers in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking it in turns to choose a child for prayer bear to go home with. If your child would like to spend time with him then please ask them to sign up on the waiting list with their teacher. Thank you. The Prayer and Worship Leaders



NURSERY NEWS



The Nursery staff would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our lovely families for all their support this term.

We wish everyone a wonderful Easter break.

Special mention to Gigi's Mummy who kindly donated one of her adorable Easter bunny displays for us to enjoy in Nursery this week.

Thank you! Mrs Wheildon and the Nursery Team.



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Well done and congratulations to Ffion in Year 1 who has achieved Bronze certificate for swimming.

For her Bronze award she had to swim 400 meters, swim 5 metres underwater, scull 15 meters and tread water for 3 minutes. Well done Ffion we are all very proud of you!



EASTER BONNET WINNERS

Well done for all of the amazing Easter Bonnets. It was really hard to decide on just one winner for each class.

Well done to the following children who won the prize for their class.

Nursery = Rose, Reception = Isla, Year 1 = Isobel P, Year 2= Leo, Year 3 = Natalie, Year 4= Leyton, Year 5 = Jessica J, Year 6 = Toby F

Plus a special mention to Franklin in Year 6 whose Easter Bonnet brought a smile to everyone today!



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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday we held our last Celebration Assembly of the Spring Term, where we recognised children for either their exceptional behaviour and manners or for their achievements and effort in learning.

Reception:

Eva has really shone this half term, and we are so proud of her! It has been lovely to watch her confidence grow in her learning, and she is really thriving at school. Eva always wants to do her best, and she listens attentively and follows instructions carefully. She has built some lovely friendships in Reception and loves working with them, colouring and role playing. You should be so proud of the progress you have made this term Eva, a big well done!

Orla comes into school and is ready to learn from the moment she walks through the Reception gate. She is an amazing role model for our school value of 'ready' and is one of the first on the carpet with the correct equipment every day. Through her hard work and determination, she has made super progress and has really impressed us with how quickly she learnt to write in precursive. Orla's handwriting and presentation is expectational, and when you pick up her work you would think she is in Year 1. You are a shining star Orla, keep up the amazing work!

Year 1:

Rex has been chosen for his super effort and attention in Art. Rex has really enjoy our recent African art topic looking at the artist Edward Tinga Tinga. When creating his final piece, he used his own ideas from his research and stepped away from the class modelling and created a new design. What was really lovely to observe is that another artist was working nearby and she was then inspired by Rex's work and imitated his style. Well done Rex you have become a true artist and teacher!

Alex is a lovely pupil in Year 1. She is open to any learning opportunity and is a little package of fun. She is a kind and caring friend to all who meet her and she goes out of her way to chat to her class teachers about her family life and her sisters swimming achievements. She is always happy and bright and her positive polite manner brings joy into the Year 1 classroom.

Year 2:

Sophie: I have chosen Sophie for her outstanding behaviour and exemplary manners. Sophie consistently demonstrates the core values of our school with kindness, thoughtfulness, and consideration towards everyone around her. She has a calming presence that makes others feel at ease, and her positive attitude shines brightly in our classroom. Sophie always goes above and beyond to look after her friends and is never hesitant to offer help. She takes the time to ask how the adults are doing and shows genuine care for others in the classroom. Sophie approaches every new learning opportunity with a big smile on her face and loves to share her love for learning with others. Well done, Sophie! You are a wonderful example to us all!

Francesca: I have chosen Francesca for effort and achievement this week because she has been showing such an eagerness to learn. Francesca has been super focused in all of our lessons and has been keen to share her ideas and new learning with the rest of the class. She has also been thinking carefully about her presentation, with trying really hard with her handwriting. Francesca has also been showing great perseverance in our Maths lessons by not giving up when faced with challenges. It has been so lovely to see this enthusiasm for learning Francesca, keep it up! Well done to you!

Year 3:

Neeva has been chosen for her beautifully crafted paragraph opening our story. She made sure to include similes, expanded noun phrases, and powerful verbs, all woven together into a coherent and flowing piece of writing. Her description sets the scene perfectly, introducing the rabbit as the main character for our retelling of Leon and the Place Between from a new perspective. Well done, Neeva – your writing truly brought the magic to life!

Phoebe is always polite and well-mannered, but this week she's been chosen for her incredible work ethic and determination. Over the course of the year, Phoebe has made fantastic progress with the speed and quality of her work in lessons. She always gives 100% in everything she does and approaches every task with care and effort. I'm especially proud of how much her reading has improved—she's found a real love of books, and it's wonderful to see her confidence grow. Keep shining, Phoebe!

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Year 4:

Mia has been chosen this week for her exceptional behaviour and beautiful manners. Mia truly embodies our school rules every single day – she is always ready to help, always respectful, and always kind. You couldn't ask for someone more thoughtful in the classroom; Mia is the first to offer her help, whether it's tidying up, supporting a friend, or simply bringing a smile to someone's day. She stands up for what she believes is right and does so with quiet confidence and compassion. Mia is a loyal, caring friend to everyone, and her positive attitude and warm smile make our classroom a better place to be. Thank you, Mia!

Leyton has been chosen this week for his fantastic effort and the amazing progress he has already made in such a short time at our school. From the moment he joined, Leyton has shown a brilliant attitude to his learning – he listens carefully to feedback, takes it on board with confidence, and uses it to improve his work straight away. He gives 100% in every lesson and is growing in independence each day, showing a new-found confidence in tackling challenges on his own. It's been such a joy to see how quickly Leyton is settling in and making progress. Keep up the great work, Leyton.

Year 5:

Tilly, we want to celebrate the incredible kindness, patience, and respect you show every single day. You are a shining example of what it means to be a true friend – not just during lessons, but in the little moments that happen outside the classroom too. You consistently treat others with thoughtfulness and care, and you make everyone around you feel seen, heard, and valued. Last week in P.E., your patience and encouragement with your partner during badminton did not go unnoticed. Even though it was tricky for them, you supported them with such grace, helping them believe in themselves and try again. That kind of encouragement is powerful – and shows what a special person you are. Tilly, your calm, positive energy brings so much joy to our class. You make others feel welcome and your warm smile brightens even the cloudiest day. We are so lucky to have you in Year 5.

Harvey, you have been recognised for your outstanding effort and attainment. Your hard work and dedication across all subjects has not gone unnoticed! Recently, your progress has been truly impressive, especially in your writing. During our narrative/creative slow write, you demonstrated such creativity and thoughtfulness in your work—it genuinely blew me away! The way you slowed down and considered the effect of your words on your audience showed maturity and skill beyond your years. I even had to double-check that the amazing sentences that you read out loud were really yours—it was that good! You've come on in leaps and bounds, and I can't wait to read your next piece of writing. Keep up the fantastic work, Harvey. You are making so much progress, and you should be incredibly proud of yourself! Well done and keep shining!

Year 6:

Toby DC – In class last week, we looked at the word tenacity and this is the exact quality that Toby shows daily. He has shown tenacity during English lessons by responding to feedback until his writing is just right, during booster sessions by redoing calculations until he understands the method and during his PE lessons by practising his forehand in badminton until he had control over the shuttlecock. His determination to learn new skills and succeed is inspiring and he should be so proud of his work ethic and mature attitude – well done, Toby!

Dawson – Dawson shows fantastic learning behaviours in class. He is focused, interested and always willing to contribute to class discussion. What he has been chosen for this week however, is the way that he is applying these learning behaviours to lessons outside of the classroom, in particular to PE lessons. Over the last half term, Dawson has worked so hard to challenge himself and gain personal bests but has also encouraged others by modelling technique or through supportive words and good teamwork with his partner. It is a pleasure to see his confidence grow in his own ability and the kindness he shows others as they develop their own. Keep it up, Dawson!

READING CERTIFICATES

Reading Certificates were presented to **Lyla in Year 3** who has read 500,000 words and to **Theo in Year 6** who became a Millionaire Reader. Well done to both of you!

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SPRING TERM

SUMMER TERM

Friday 11th April School and Nursery close for Easter

Monday 14th-Thursday 17th April Onside Activity Holiday Club

Onside are running their Active Kids Holiday Club at Tanworth from 14th April to 17th April. It's easy to book your child on by logging on to their website [at https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/redditch/content/timetable](https://www.onsidecoaching.co.uk/redditch/content/timetable).

Monday 28th April School and Nursery re-open

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday School and Nursery closed

Friday 9th May Non-school uniform (item for Sports Day Hampers)

Friday 9th May PTA Treat Friday

Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May Year 6 SATS week

Friday 16th May Non-school uniform donations for Father's Day Shop

Friday 23rd May School and Nursery close for half-term

Monday 2nd June School and Nursery closed Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd June School and Nursery re-open

Friday 13th June Father's Day Shop

Friday 13th June OPAL Parents session pm

Friday 20th June Sports Day (TBC)

Saturday 21st June Circus

Friday 27th June Year 6 apprentice Sale pm

Friday 27th June Year 6 Leavers Disco 5pm-7pm (details to follow)

Monday 30th June Year 6 production (afternoon)

Tuesday 1st July Year 6 Production (evening)

Wednesday 2nd July Year 6 induction day to secondary/move up morning for R-5

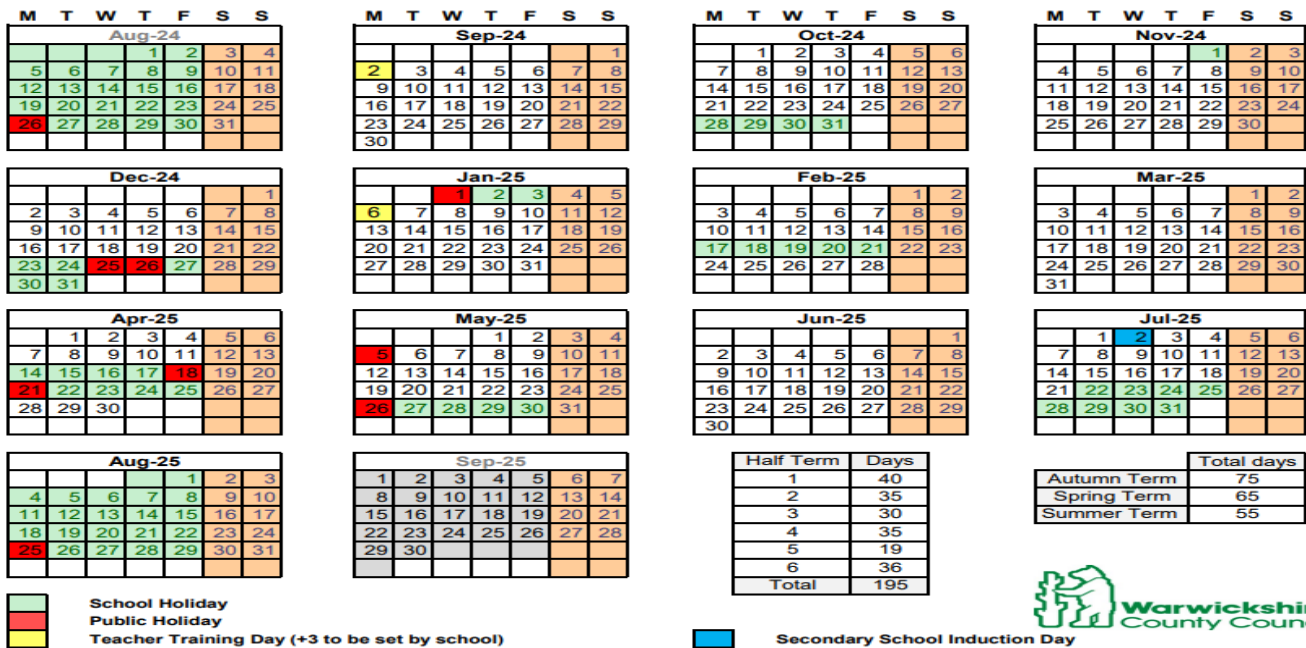
Monday 7th July-Friday 11th July Year 6 Residential to Conover

Friday 18th July Year 6 Leavers Service in Church am

Friday 18th July School and Nursery close for summer holiday

Monday 21st July School and Nursery closed teacher training day

WCC School Term and Holiday Dates - 2024/25



School and Nursery are also closed on: Monday 2nd June 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025 for Teacher Training .

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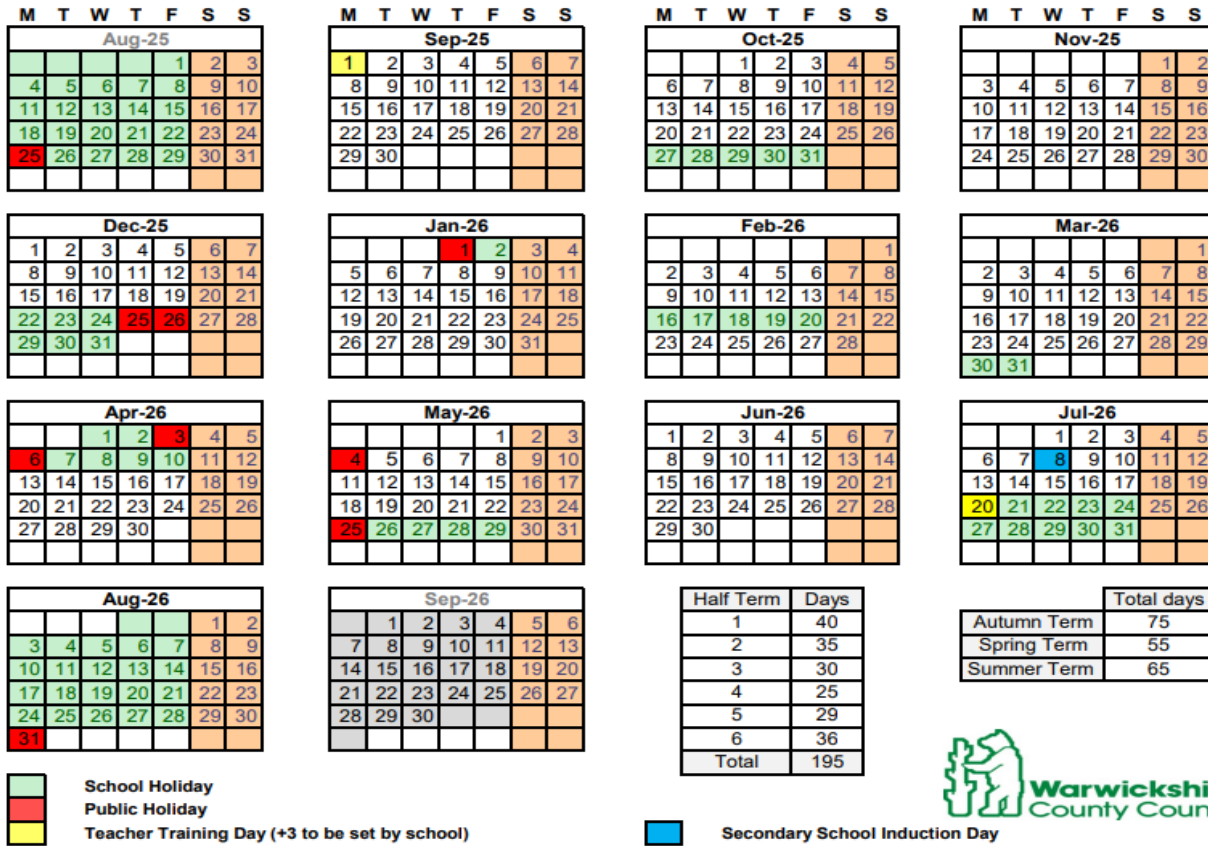
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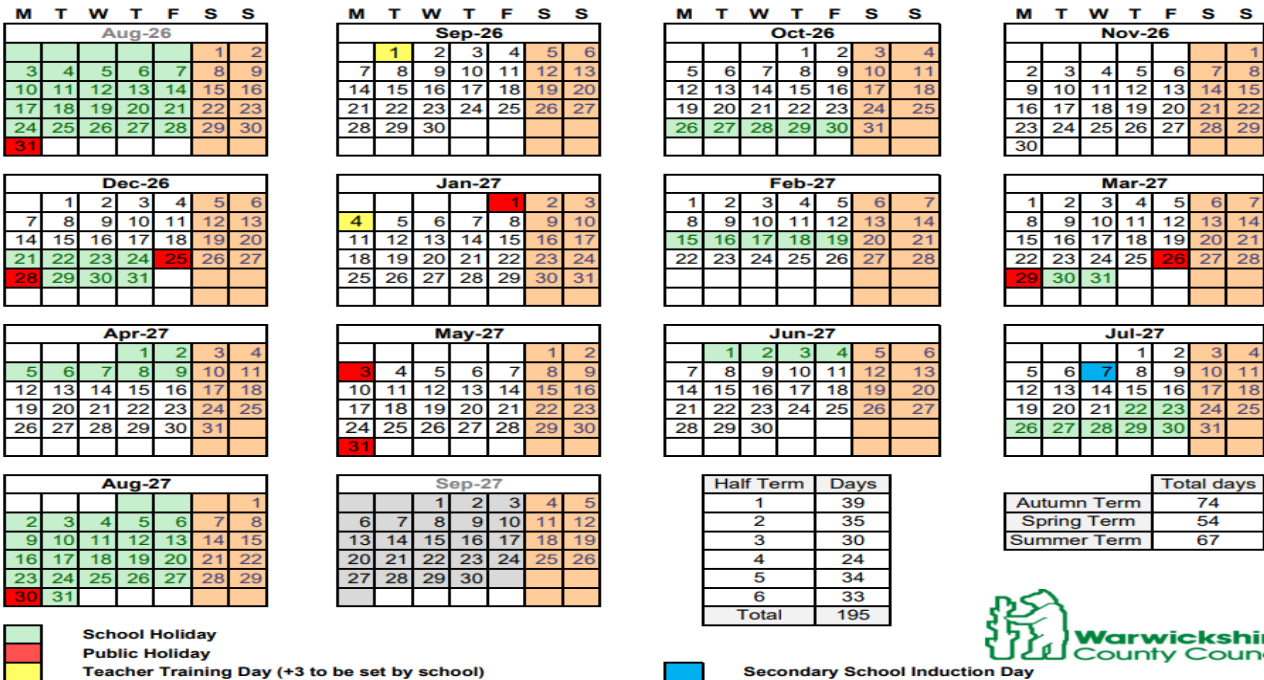


Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26



School and Nursery will be closed on: Friday 24th October, Monday 5th January and Monday 1st June for Teacher Training

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2026/27



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What's happening at St Mary Magdalene Church?

EASTER ACTIVITIES AT TANWORTH CHURCH

MONDAY 14TH APRIL

10-3PM NATURE & ART ACTIVITY DAY, RUN BY ETHICAL ARTS (6+ YEARS) MAIN CHURCH

Come to one or all day!

10-12pm Leaf Pots & Seed Bombs & Nature Cards

10-12pm Fluffy Frames

1-3pm Leaf Printing on Fabric

1-3pm Macrame Flower & Sunshine Ornaments

Please **pre-book using the link below**. There is a small charge to cover costs.



10-11.30AM LITTLE ONES (0-6 YEARS) UPPER ROOM

Arts and Crafts and storytelling, looking at Palm Sunday. For those under 6 years or with older siblings at the workshop! (Free)

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

2-4PM MESSY EASTER WORKSHOP

Featuring the Easter Olympics, crafts and Uplifted Puppets (free).



[To pre-book the Nature Workshops, please click here](#)

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